

The Cat House on the Kings

FELINE RESCUE



From Hong Kong to The Cat House

Stacie and Dennis Viehweg adopted a couple of abandoned cats 12 years ago and brought them into their home in Alameda, California. The siblings, Audrey and Ralphie, enjoyed being able to come and go as they pleased, and spent as much time outside exploring the garden as they did napping on their favorite sunny perches in the house.

Dennis, a builder, was offered a position in Hong Kong that was to keep the family there for at least 5 years. Dennis, Stacie, and their 3 year old daughter, Julia, packed up and moved to an apartment on the other side of the world, bringing their beloved cats with them.

It soon became apparent that Audrey and Ralphie were not adjusting well to high rise apartment living. They longed to be outside rather than in a cramped city dwelling. Reluctantly, Stacie began looking for a place the cats could live that would be more like what they were accustomed to back home. Internet searches for rescues and shelters were no help at all, as none could offer Audrey and Ralphie any more than a cage.

Stacie remembered a horse sanctuary from her youth with big green pastures where horses went to spend their golden years. She typed "cat sanctuary" hoping such a place existed for felines and was thrilled when she found the video about The Cat House on the Kings. This place was absolutely perfect for Audrey and Ralphie with a house and yard for senior cats to roam as they pleased, completely surrounded by cat-proof fencing to keep them safe. Stacie and Dennis decided they would spare no expense to get Audrey and Ralphie to this heaven for cats and had them flown from Hong Kong to San Francisco, where Tammy Barker, a Cat House volunteer and her husband, Terry Noell, picked them up in mid November and brought them to their new home.

At the San Fransisco Airport



Ralphie arrives at the Cat House



Tammy Barker holds Audrey

Latka's Big Adventure, a 1,200 mile journey

On September 22nd, 2010, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, a young, male, domestic short hair, feral cat darted into traffic and was hit by a car, which sped away. This accident put into motion an incredible story about a rescue that spanned three states and through the kindness, generosity and decency of strangers, this homeless animal found himself a permanent home at The Cat House on the Kings.



A witness to the accident called the Cheyenne City Animal Control and the seriously injured feline was brought into the veterinary office of Karen M. Randall, DVM, who tested him and provided basic emergency care. The following day, Dr. Randall anesthetized him, wired his fractured jaw, neutered and vaccinated him, treated his head trauma and bb gun wounds and provided a Fentanyl patch for pain control.

A dear client of Dr. Randall, Kevin O'Hare, heard the story about this cat,

which they named Latka, and told Dr. Randall about a wonderful sanctuary for cats in central California at which he had volunteered in the past. Kevin offered to drive Latka from Wyoming to The Cat House on the Kings in Parlier, California if arrangements could be made for him. Another gentleman by the name of Bob Rhue offered the use of a flexible kennel to make the trip comfortable and offered to pay the \$3,000 surrender fee so Latka could live out his days wandering the 12 acre sanctuary along the banks of the Kings River.

Lynea was so moved by the kindness and generosity of these strangers that she offered to take Latka at no charge, but Mr. Rhue, from Aurora, Colorado, insisted on paying for his care (which was much appreciated as there is never enough money to care for nearly 1,000 current residents).

After 5 weeks of healing, recovering and eating like a horse, Latka was ready for a road trip. He was loaded into his comfy two part kennel that spanned the entire back seat of Kevin's BMW and was so cooperative during the journey it was hard to tell he was feral. Kevin made good time on the 28 hour drive of 1,220 miles, despite an early snowfall the day before they left. Latka remained a perfect gentleman during their one stop at a motel along the way.

Latka was introduced to his new home and immediately took over a carpeted cubbyhole. Kevin stayed for a couple of days to make sure Latka adjusted well and left for the long drive home after the annual Cat House on the Kings Halloween open house on October 30th. Many thanks to all who made this heartwarming story possible!

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Kevin O'Hare

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Letter From Lynea



Christmas is almost here and everyone gets busy preparing for the festivities. The animals only know that it is getting colder and they are eating twice as much!! Our food and litter cost is over \$4,000/month and any monetary gift you can send our way would be much appreciated. (We have to keep these animals fat all winter)!

My personal request for Christmas is to ask each of you to once again share our you tube video w/ everyone on your lists of friends, co workers, family, perfect strangers (and anyone else you can think of). Even if you have already sent it to them, ask that they just send it to their friends. This video is what

has kept up paying the bills for the last 2 1/2 years and now, we find ourselves back in debt. If you could pass it on and ask these others to do likewise, we may get to our 1million hit goal! This is all I want for Christmas. This is for both me and the critters. Best of all it won't cost you a penny!

Happy Holidays and may God bless you all.

Lynea
Lynea

odds & ends

Winter adoption special. We have so many kitties needing homes. For December and January we are offering the special adoption rate of \$40 or 2 for \$60 adoptions at Petco or on site at The Cat House.

the dedication wall

The Dedication Wall helps raise much needed funds. You may make a donation for a plaque in memory of a lost loved one (In Memory of...), to honor someone (In Honor of...), or just to show your support of The Cat House (The Miller Family Supports...). The plaques are black metal with gold lettering and are hung in the entryway of The Cat House.

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Will you take me home?

My name is Fifi, and I am a 3 year old Angora mix. I have beautiful, gold-colored eyes that are enhanced by my semi-long blue cream coat. Yes, I am quite lovely but still remain at the Cat House, not yet adopted or sponsored. I try to attract the

attention of visitors, but now I'm putting my picture in the newsletter. I hope someone out there can see that I also have beauty within and will take me home or sponsor me so that the Cat House can let me stay where I'm safe.

About Us

The Cat House on the Kings is a safe, loving, happy home for unwanted cats and kittens (and dogs too) located on 12 acres on the Kings River near Reedley, California. Over seven hundred rescued felines and canines reside in this unique, no-cage environment.

The cats and kittens that are brought to The Cat House are spayed or neutered, tested for FELV/FIV, vaccinated, given food and shelter, love and attention, and any necessary medical treatment. Every effort is made to provide for their comfort and well-being.

Many of these felines will live their entire lives here, some too traumatized by past abuses, too old or too ill.

Over the past 18 years, we have rescued over 18,000 cats and kittens and 5,000 dogs, and have done over 50,000 spays and neuters. Caring for this many animals can be difficult, costly and very heartbreaking. We receive no federal or county funding – only donations and support from caring people. We are totally dependent on the generosity of others.

Remember: Together We Can Make A Difference!



Sponsor-A-Cat Program

One of our main goals at The Cat House is to find permanent homes for these cats and kittens, but many of them will spend their entire lives here.

Some are in need of ongoing medical treatment, some need special food and some are just too old. For whatever reason, they will be in our care for the rest of their lives.

It gets very costly and we are over our financial limit on the amount of cats and kittens we can take in. We need your help to be able to expand our capabilities.

FOR JUST \$15.00 PER MONTH, you can provide food, shelter and medical treatment for one of these needy animals.

If you would like to become a sponsor, fill out the form below and mail it today along with a check for \$15.00 and you will receive a photo of your special cat, background information, and some return envelopes for your convenience and as a reminder of your pledge.

We hope that you can help us in our effort to provide a safe haven and adoption center for all of these precious rescued felines for years to come.

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The Cat House to the Rescue



The Central California SPCA was overwhelmed on October 10th when 100 neglected cats were brought in by authorities. The shelter typically houses about 300 cats, so 100 of them would have to be displaced by these hoarded cats that have to be held as evidence in an investigation. Volunteers Tammy Barker and Kathy Scheer collected 30 adoptable felines and brought them to The Cat House on the Kings, where they will hopefully be adopted out to loving homes.

Walking through the animal shelter was a heartbreaking experience. So many beautiful, loving animals reached through their cages to get our attention, I wanted to take them all. Sadly, we were limited to thirty, and that was a real financial stretch for The Cat House, as donations have not kept up with expenses. Many months we have had to use our line of credit for everyday expenditures like cat food and litter.

Please remember us when you are doing your year-end tax planning. You can sponsor cats with a tax-deductible donation of only \$15.00 per month, per cat (\$180.00 per year). Any and all donations are gratefully accepted, especially at this time of year when we need to keep all the animals warm and well-fed.

Rochelle

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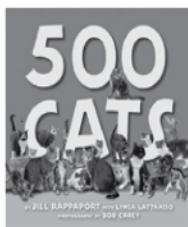
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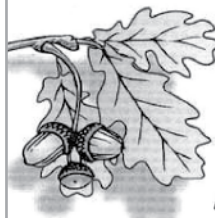
We are known as **Gladys Night and the Pips** (remember that group from 1953-1989?). We all "hang" together and make beautiful meows! Our ages range from 2-6 years of age. We all love the attention of humans but know that black kittens/cats are the least likely to be adopted and the first to be euthanized. And sometimes people do horrible things to us on Halloween. But now that October has passed, we are hoping some kind people in the world to adopt or sponsor one or all of us!!!!

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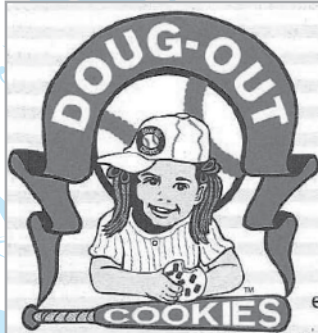
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